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By Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Secretary of the Senate Office of Public Records 232 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Carper for Senate (ID No. C00349217)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as the reply of Carper for Senate (the "Committee") to the December 6, 2000 letters issued by Jonathan B. Horton, Reports Analyst, Federal Election Commission regarding the Committee's October Quarterly Report and 12 Day Pre-General Report.

October Quarterly Report

Mr. Horton's letter indicated that the Committee may have failed to file one or more required 48 hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions received after the close of the books for the 2000 12 Day Pre-Primary Period. I have reviewed the Committee's books and filings and note that the Committee appears to have failed to file a 48 hour notice regarding the August 30, 2000 contribution received from the American Maritime Officers Volunteer Political Fund ("AMOVPF"). This failure was the result of oversight by the Committee; not the result of any deliberate act. The contribution was reported on the Committee's October 15 Quarterly Report.

Further, the Committee did not report an in-kind contribution received from Council for a Livable World during the 48 hour reporting period. However, the Committee learned of the in-kind contribution subsequent to the 48-hour reporting period. The in-kind contribution was reported on the Committee's Amended October Quarterly Report.

I have revisited the Committee's procedures for checking contributions received during 48 hour reporting periods and believe the procedures that are in place are sound. I regret that in the instance of the contribution from AMOVPF, an administrative oversight resulted in our failure to timely report the contribution. However, since this oversight was not the result of any deliberate act, or dereliction of duty, the Committee requests no action be taken.

A Senator for Delaware's Future!